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1795/1848-1876

2-50 E. Montgomery St. (North side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The north side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. is most noteworthy for containing 36 E. Montgomery St., the earliest (1795) surviving brick house in the Federal Hill area. The original two and a half story high, three bay wide house, with two dormer windows and belt course, is now in extreme disrepair, with the easternmost bay having collapsed and large sections of the roof missing. On either side of 36 E. Montgomery St. there were originally a number of early two and a half story houses, but these have all been razed, or replaced by later structures. The western section of the block was not improved until 1848 when a row of two story plus attic brick houses (2-12 E. Montgomery St.), and a row of three story, two bay wide, gable roofed houses (14-18, and 20 E. Montgomery St.) were built. At the eastern end of the block there is a group of large, three story, two bay wide Italianate-style townhouses, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the early 1870's. 50 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, three bay wide brick building with shed roof that until recently served a mixed commercial/residential function. All of the houses in this block are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

38-42 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE

zip code

21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

Maryland

STATE

21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of three story brick buildings with shed roof and bracketed cornice replaced a row of 2 1/2 story houses that had originally formed part of a group of such houses lining this end of Montgomery St. 38 E. Montgomery St. has been covered with formstone.

The houses are a full three stories in height, about 12 1/2' wide, and extend* occupy lots 185' deep. They are constructed in running bond, although 38 E. Montgomery St. has been covered with formstone. The shed roof is capped by a wooden cornice that runs continuously across the three facades. It consists of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions. The lower part of the cornices differ, however. Under the row of modillions, 38 E. Montgomery St. has a row of stepped-back, smaller, vertically oriented modillions. The cornice unit is supported by two carved end brackets though the lower molding strip they once connected to is gone. On 40 and 42 E. Montgomery St. there is a row of cut-work scallops under the modillions with a plain frieze area with lower scalloped edge beneath. Three carved wooden brackets, of slightly different design than the brackets on 38 E. Montgomery St., connect to a lower molding strip, thereby defining a plain brick frieze area. Interestingly, the cornice of 38 E. Montgomery St. exactly matches the cornice of 44-46 E. Montgomery St., the pair of houses adjoining 40-42 E. Montgomery.

All of the window and door openings of the group have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. The lintels and sills of 38 E. Montgomery St. are currently hidden by the formstone covering. No original sash remains and the openings are either empty, boarded, or plastered over. The houses sits on low basements, the entrances being reached by three wide stone steps. Each house has a small rectangular coal opening located under the first floor window. An arched alleyway runs between 38 and 40 E. Montgomery St. A second arched alleyway runs back along the eastern side of 42 E. Montgomery.

The houses have double front parlors, each with a fireplace and separated by sliding paneled doors. The stairs are located in a stair hall to the rear of the main section of the house, with an entrance to the stair hall leading from the outside alleyway. Beyond the stair hall there is a 15' deep kitchen with rear fireplace and built-in pantry. The original stairs, with scroll-carved risers and turned newels and balusters survive, though in deteriorated condition. Both front bedrooms on the second floor have fireplaces, as did the rear bedroom located above the kitchen. The rooms are quite spacious, with 9' ceilings on the first floor and 8'9" ceilings on the second and third floors. The first floor front room is 16' deep; the rear parlor is 12' deep.

* Each house is two rooms deep with a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition, followed by a later one story high, one bay deep section.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1875-1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John T. Grindall

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This row of houses is representative of a fairly small group of large, Victorian-style houses built in the Federal Hill area after the Civil War. The houses are quite spacious, with double front parlors and five bedrooms and were built to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area who had prospered at local trades and businesses to the point where they could afford a large house with some stylistic pretensions.

These particular houses are of interest because their floor plans and most original interior details are intact, including a built-in pantry in the kitchen and the stairway decorations. The houses are currently being offered for sale by the City to private owners and will hopefully soon be renovated.

The builder, John T. Grindall, was quite active in the area, and Grindall St. was named for him.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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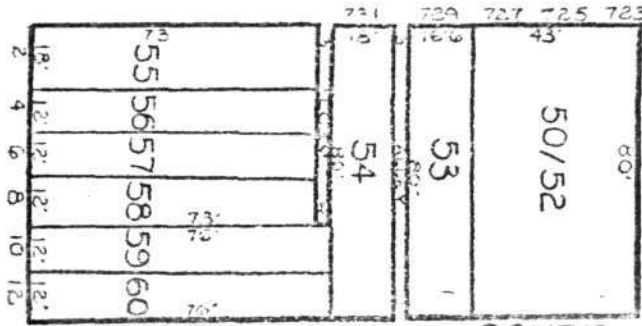
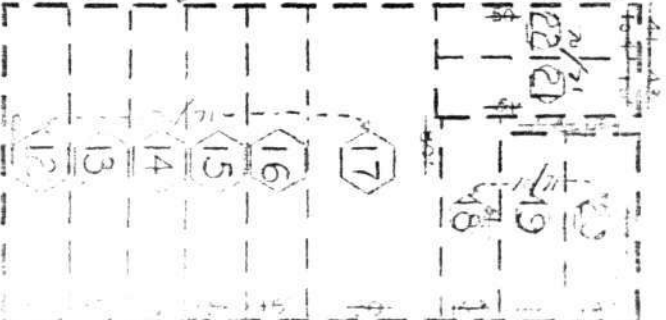
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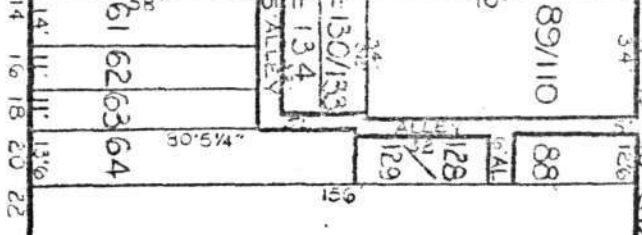
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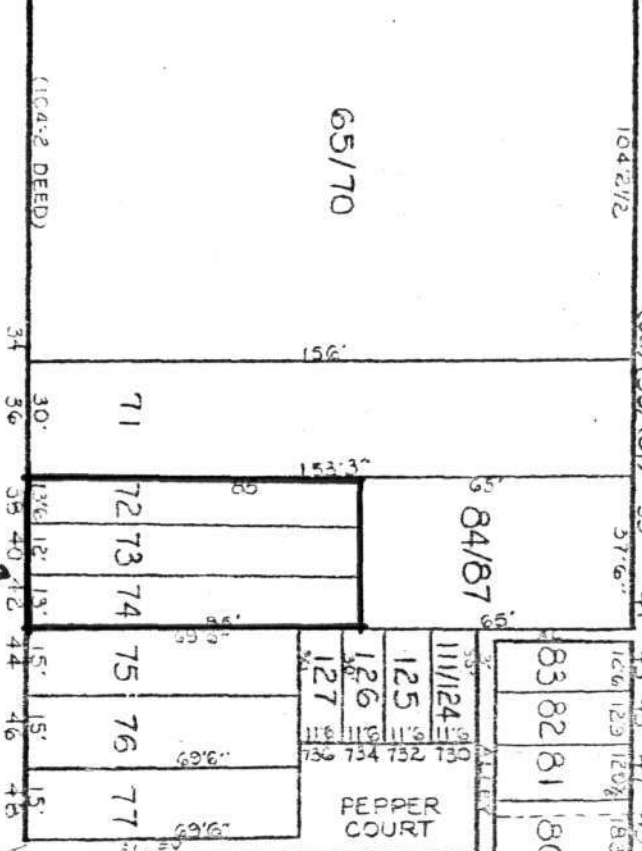
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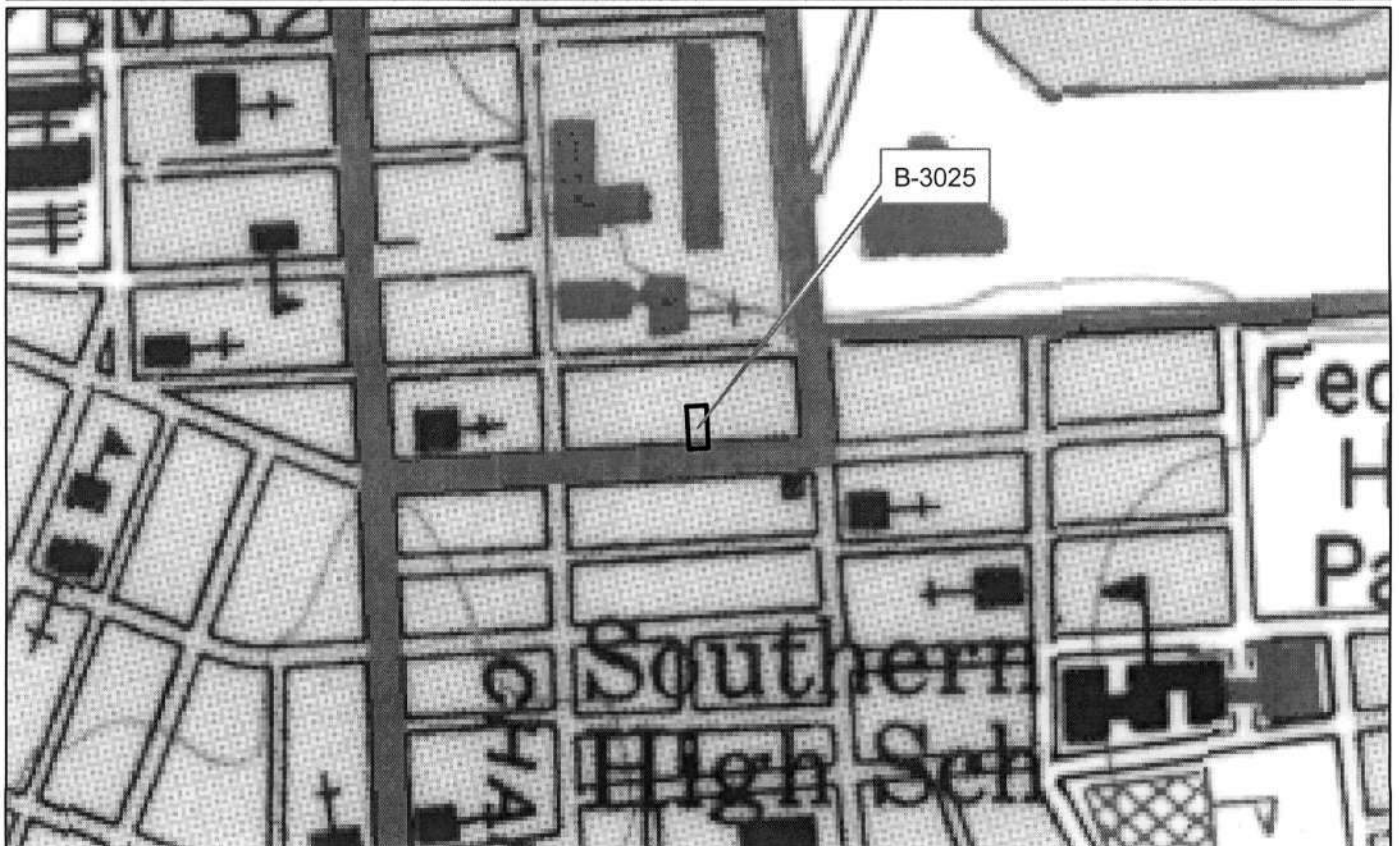
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ST.

LIGHT

ST.

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38-42 E. Montgomery Street
Block 0896 Lots 023-025
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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38-42 E. Montgomery St

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South elevation